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Date: March 5, 2024

Bill Number: **HB1413**

Bill Title: Prince George's County - Development Authority - Established

Committee: House Ways and Means

**MDOA Position: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS**

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The Department of Aging (MDOA) respectfully submits this letter of support with amendments on House Bill (HB) 1413 - Prince George's County - Development Authority - Established.

The Maryland Department of Aging (MDOA) serves as Maryland's State Unit of Aging, administering federal funding for core programs, overseeing the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) network at the local level that provides services, and planning for Maryland's older adult population. MDOA works collaboratively with leadership and staff from all the AAAs, including the Prince George's County's, which is housed in the Prince George's County Department of Family Services, Aging and Disabilities Division. MDOA submits that leadership or an appropriate designee from the Prince George's County Department of Family Services, Aging and Disabilities Division, with its deeper local knowledge of ongoing challenges and opportunities around affordable housing creation for older adults and the municipalities of focus would be best positioned to serve on this locally focused body. MDOA is supportive of the bill sponsor's goal of focusing on affordable housing creation for older adults and would be pleased to voluntarily contribute to some of this body's meetings and can facilitate connections to local senior housing developers if the eventual Development Authority's Chair would like in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Nunez, Legislative Director, at [andrea.nunez@maryland.gov](mailto:andrea.nunez@maryland.gov) or (443) 414-8183.

Sincerely,



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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carmel Roques". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Carmel Roques  
Secretary  
Maryland Department of Aging